

## MAY WIND UP WORK NEXT WEEK

Efforts Under Way in Both Houses to Get  
Ready for Adjournment; Governor  
Opposed to Appropriating More  
Expense Money

## HOUSE USURY BILL TO ENGROSSMENT

Senate Committee Reports Substitute for  
All Pending Measures; Oil and Gas  
Tax Bill Introduced; Senate  
for State Mining

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 9.—With  
no agreement yet reached in caucus re-  
sults to the proposed new election  
law, the legislators continue to devote  
their time to the usury bill and other  
subjects that were opened by the gov-  
ernor. Thus far the chief executive  
has not recommended the considera-  
tion of the election question and it is  
understood that he will not do so un-  
til an acceptable measure is perfect-  
ed in caucus.

In the house the Glasco usury bill  
was passed to engrossment Monday  
and was ready for final passage to-  
day. The bill was amended in a few  
particulars, among other things the  
provision making a chattel lien void  
on usurious contracts being elimin-  
ated.

The senate committee on banking  
reported a substitute for all the usury  
bills in that body. It does not contain  
the Killam-amendments and is not  
much like either the Carpenter or the  
original committee bills. It provides  
for a fee of \$1 for examination and  
inspection; for avoiding the chattel  
security on loans under \$300 for  
usury; denying access to the courts  
for creditors on usurious contracts  
under \$300; for pleading usury as an  
offset in actions for collections; mak-  
ing the transferee liable to the maker  
for the usurious interest when em-  
powering the governor to instruct the  
attorney general to bring action to  
cancel charters of state banks that  
collect usury with knowledge of di-  
rectors.

This bill will have an inning in the  
senate when the caucus that has been  
occupying most of the time this week  
shall have completed the election  
measure.

The senate refused to adopt a mo-  
tion by Mr. Bickel of Woods, limiting  
debate. The most valued prerogative  
of the lawmakers is guarded jealously  
in the upper house. Regardless of  
this, however, there is an effort un-  
der way in both houses to get to final  
adjournment by the end of next week.  
The money will be exhausted by that  
time and there seems to be little hope  
that Governor Williams will approve  
another appropriation for the per-  
diem and expenses.

The two houses passed a resolution  
inviting President Wilson to speak in  
Oklahoma City.

The house democratic caucus adopt-  
ed a resolution by Mr. Harrison of  
Seminole providing for submission of  
an amendment to the constitution  
granting suffrage to women. A  
proposed constitutional amendment pro-  
viding for the collection, distribution  
and admission of the oil and gas gross  
production tax was introduced in the  
senate by Mr. Russell of Muskogee.  
The resolution bears also the names  
of Messrs. Barrett, McAlester, and  
Davidson of Haskell of the senate,  
and Messrs. Eaton, Harrison and  
Hughes and Hunter of Choctaw of the  
house.

The amendment was directed to the  
taxation of oil and gas production. It  
is framed to include every factor of  
value to be ascertained by the sev-  
eral county assessors and certified to  
the state auditor. The production tax  
rate is then to be fixed so that the  
revenues will be comparable as to  
rate with those derived from public  
service corporations under existing  
laws. This revenue would be distrib-  
uted to the general revenue fund of  
the state and the highway and school  
funds of the counties as it provides in  
the amendment that is proposed by  
Mr. Russell to the pending gross pro-  
duction tax bill.

The senate Tuesday passed the ad-  
ministration bill providing for work-  
ing state prisoners in coal mines op-

## BERLIN IS HOPEFUL OF SETTLING IT.

By United Press.  
BERLIN, Feb. 9.—As evi-  
dence that Germany now hopes  
for a satisfactory outcome of  
the Lusitania negotiations, it  
is pointed out that all the  
American newspaper corres-  
pondents have been invited to  
a three-days' tour of the Ger-  
man front, beginning Febru-  
ary 15.

## REJECTION OF TERMS REPORTED

Rome Advises Say Belgium Turns Down  
Offer of Germany for Separate Peace  
with Substantial Concessions;  
Firmly with Allies

By United Press.  
LONDON, Feb. 9.—Dispatches from  
Rome today say Belgium refused to  
accept an offer of separate peace  
terms, made by Germany. It is under-  
stood that this information was ob-  
tained from Vatican sources.

It is reported that the Kaiser agreed  
to the complete evacuation of Bel-  
gium, with the Germans being grant-  
ed certain privileges in the channel  
ports.

It was further agreed, reports say,  
that Germany would pay a large sum  
to rebuild destroyed structures in  
Belgium in return for the pledge of  
Belgian neutrality during the remain-  
der of the war.

King Albert, it is said, rejected the  
proposed terms, announcing that he  
would consider no peace until the al-  
lies are victorious.

Italy to Enter Balkans.

By United Press.  
LONDON, Feb. 9.—Italy is expected  
to declare war on Germany and an-  
nounce plans for participating in the  
allied campaign in the Balkans as a  
result of Premier Orlando's visit to  
Rome, according to dispatches from  
Paris today. The French premier is  
scheduled to leave for Italy today.

## WILSON IS WINNER BY 16 TO 1

If the sentiments of seventeen men  
who happened to be taking luncheon  
together at a local cafe today are re-  
presentative of community opinion,  
Chickasha is far preparedness by the  
immortal ratio of "sixteen to one,"  
and probably, "without waiting for the  
consent of any foreign power or po-  
tential."

Among the crowd polled were two  
farmers, two bankers, two lawyers,  
two dentists, the remainder being  
fairly well divided among other voca-  
tions. Only one of the number ex-  
pressed himself as out-and-out against  
the President Wilson policy of nation-  
al defense. Two favored a moderate  
program of preparedness but were  
firm in the conviction that stronger  
defenses should be provided. For the  
most part the others were decidedly  
outspoken and enthusiastic in their  
support of the administration pro-  
gram.

## CAR OF HOGS SHIPPED TO OKLAHOMA CITY

A. S. White shipped a car of hogs to  
Oklahoma City last night, made up  
as pretty a lot of mortgage hogs as  
ever passed over the county scales in  
Chickasha. There were 85 hogs in  
the car, including some few shoats,  
weighing a total of 17,000. The price  
paid was 7 1/4 cents all around.

erated by the state near McAlester  
all the coal so mined to be used by  
state institutions. The bill provides  
that convicts are not to be so used  
until they give their consent in writ-  
ing. The bill was passed by a bare  
constitutional majority, Senator  
O'Neil of Grady county voting for it.

## SNOWSTORMS DO NOT WORRY THE GERMANS



These German troops on the eastern front evidently do not mind a snowstorm, for they are enjoying their hot rations at a field kitchen. In the background are transport wagons.

## PLOTTERS TRAILED TO BOSTON?

By United Press.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—It is alleged that  
the German agents, who have been  
chiefly active against Canadian and  
American munitions plants have  
changed their headquarters to Boston.

This report gained currency follow-  
ing the activities of secret service  
men. It is believed that other parts  
of the country became too hot for the  
conferences of the agents.

On information received from Am-  
bassador Spring Rice, it is reported  
that Federal Agent Smith trailed a  
suspected man to a rendezvous on Milk  
street, where he made dictagraph re-  
cords of conversations. John Howard,  
assistant to Smith, departed hastily  
for Canada.

Officials Have Evidence.

By United Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 9.—  
Federal officials here say they have  
proof against the German and Turk-  
ish consul and a score of other prom-  
inent Teutonic representatives that  
were indicted late yesterday.

It is alleged that the evidence of a  
conspiracy to blow up munitions  
plants in the United States is even  
more conclusive than that which re-  
sulted in the conviction of the officials  
of the Hamburg-American line.

## OPPOSES BRANDEIS

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—  
Clifford Thorne, railroad commis-  
sioner from Iowa, was the first wit-  
ness before the senate sub-committee  
which is conducting an investigation  
as to the fitness of Louis D. Brandeis  
for the supreme bench.

In the course of his testimony  
Thorne charged Brandeis with being  
guilty of breach of faith. He says  
the Boston lawyer betrayed his trust  
in "one of the gravest and most im-  
portant cases ever started in this  
country," referring to the case involv-  
ing a 5 per cent rate increase for cer-  
tain railroads.

MOTION IS OVER RULED.

County Attorney Venable yesterday  
filed motion before Judge Davenport  
of the county court asking that the  
court vacate an order recently made  
setting aside the forfeiture of the  
bond in the case of the State of Okla-  
homa vs. Homer Coyle. The court  
over ruled the motion. The bond of  
Coyle was declared forfeited on De-  
cember 2, 1915, at which time Coyle  
was a fugitive from justice. Later  
Coyle was apprehended and the order  
of forfeiture bond set aside.

RURAL NEIGHBORS MEET.

The Rural Neighbor club met at the  
home of Mrs. John Hayes, January 25.  
Only a few members were present on  
account of the weather, but a pleas-  
ant afternoon was spent by those  
present. They will meet next with  
Mrs. Ben Hays.

## FUNDS FOR SCHOOLS RECEIVED

Grady County Gets \$15,849 from State  
Apportionment; County Fund Totals  
\$2,303.66; Will Be Divided  
Among Various Districts

Superintendent Shepard is busily  
engaged in pro rating the amounts re-  
ceived from the state and county for  
school purposes, to the several dis-  
tricts of Grady county. The funds  
received from both the state and  
county will be transferred to the cred-  
it of the various districts in the  
county at the earliest possible date  
and a part of them will become avail-  
able in meeting and taking up vouch-  
ers and warrants now outstanding.

The following letter, received by  
Superintendent Shepard from the sec-  
retary of the school land department,  
is self explanatory:

"M. H. Shepard, County Superintendent,  
Chickasha, Okla.:

"This is to certify that the commis-  
sioners of the land office have ap-  
portioned the common school funds  
of the state, remaining on hands the  
15th day of January, 1916, and found  
the portion due your county as fol-  
lows: From earnings of permanent  
common school fund and income from  
lands, per capita, \$1.25, amount, \$21-  
200.57; levies and other sources, per  
capita, 25 cents, amount, \$2,541.50; to-  
tals, per capita, \$1.50; total amount,  
\$15,849.

"The commissioners of the land of-  
fice have drawn and caused to be  
mailed to the treasurer of your county  
their vouchers on the state treasurer  
for said amounts.

"GEORGE A. SMITH,  
"Secretary."

In addition to the above amount the  
common school fund of Grady county  
will be enriched further in the sum of  
\$2,303.66, to be transferred from  
county or local sources.

This latter amount comes from pro-  
rating the fees received from mar-  
riage licenses, from misdemeanor  
fines and from other fees and fines  
as provided for by law.

The entire total will be pro rated  
between the 37 school districts in  
Grady county and will be available for  
the purposes stated above.

## PAYMENT APPROVED BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—The  
annual Indian appropriation bill, in-  
cluding provisions for paying Choctaw  
and Chickasaw tribesmen \$7,500-  
000 in accrued profits on their lands  
was passed Tuesday in the house. It  
carries appropriations aggregating  
\$10,705,000.

The measure would grant \$200 to  
each of 6,000 Chickasaws and \$300 to  
each of 21,000 Choctaws, most of  
whom live in Oklahoma. An effort  
to include 1,200 Mississippi Choctaws  
failed.

A hard fight on the bill in the sen-  
ate is expected.

## WILL TAKE CONVICTS TO PRISON

It was stated at the county jail this  
morning that probably tomorrow  
would see the transportation of the  
prisoners, convicted at the recent  
term of the district court, to the state  
penitentiary at McAlester. The pris-  
oners to be taken to the pen are  
Homer Coyle, embezzlement, two  
years; A. L. Mayes, removing mort-  
gaged property from county, one year  
and a day; Clyde Fowler, forgery, two  
years; Jesse Williams, assault to kill,  
eighteen months; Frank Kinsle,  
breaking into railway car, two years.  
Deputies Hugh Hogue and John Bal-  
ley will probably be the officers to  
carry the prisoners to McAlester.

John Idle, arrested and arraigned a  
few days since on charges of false  
pretense, will probably appear before  
Judge Linn this afternoon and enter a  
plea of guilty. According to state-  
ments given out at the county attor-  
ney's office Idle has expressed a will-  
ingness to plead guilty and take a  
penitentiary sentence.

County Attorney Venable, accom-  
panied by a deputy sheriff, had intend-  
ed taking Idle to Oklahoma City this  
morning for the purpose of arraigning  
him before Judge Will Linn, who is  
serving at present on the supreme  
court commission. However, Judge  
Linn being called home unexpectedly  
from the city rendered such steps un-  
necessary. Idle will probably be  
brought before the judge in chambers  
this afternoon.

## MRS. FAUST GETS BOND

By United Press.

SHERMAN, Tex., Feb. 9. — Mrs.  
Annie Faust, who shot and fatally  
wounded Rev. H. M. Cagle late Monday  
afternoon, was formally charged with  
murder today as a result of the mir-  
ister's death last night.

The woman was released on a \$5,000  
bond. Fifty preachers and laymen of  
the Baptist church are here to attend  
the funeral tomorrow morning. Burial  
will take place at Collinsville, the  
former home of the deceased.

## SMALL BLAZE AT R. I. SHOPS

At 10.07 this morning an alarm  
was turned in from the C. R. I. & P.  
Ry. shops at the foot of Kansas  
and Colorado avenues. Both the cen-  
tral and No. 2 stations responded.

The fire was caused by the bursting  
of a fuel pipe leading from one of the  
oil supply tanks to the round house.  
The escaping oil caught fire and a  
conflagration seemed imminent when  
the alarm was turned in. The quick  
run and the efficient work of the fire  
department, however, had all the fire  
extinguished in thirty minutes from  
the time of turning in the alarm. The  
fire was in the locomotive department  
of the round house.

## EVENTS IN THE WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

The prelude to the big Teu-  
tonic drive on Russia was be-  
ing executed in some of the  
fiercest fighting of the war, in  
the Carpathians.  
The United States was con-  
sidering asking Germany  
whether American lives and  
ships would be safeguarded  
from submarine in Germany's  
undersea blockade of Eng-  
land.

## FEEL FEAR FOR FATE OF LINER

Believed that Big British Steamer is Sunk  
or Captured by German Raider in  
Mid-Ocean; Anxiety for  
Other Vessels

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The report  
that a big British liner was captured  
or sunk in mid-ocean by a German  
raider, possibly the same vessel that  
captured the Appam, caused anxiety  
to be felt today for the fate of sev-  
eral other trans-Atlantic vessels.

The missing liner is believed to be  
the Glissa, of 5,358 tons, which sailed  
from Rio de Janeiro for Liverpool on  
January 10.

Shipping men here say they have  
received private information from  
London which convinces them that  
German raiders have sunk or cap-  
tured several British steamers in ad-  
dition to those reported when the Ap-  
pam was captured.

W. D. Everth, second officer of the  
British steamer Author that was sunk  
by the Moewe, says he believes the  
raider crossed the Atlantic and was  
in wireless communication with the  
Appam every night on the trip to Nor-  
folk. He believes that the raider is  
now in the Gulf of Mexico, lying in  
wait for British vessels.

## PRESIDENT IS INVITED TO LINCOLN

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—A  
delegation of business men from Lin-  
coln, Neb., the home town of William  
J. Bryan, today called upon the presi-  
dent to invite him to speak there on  
preparedness.

Senator Sheppard of Texas also called  
at the White House today and  
again urged the president to visit the  
Lone Star state on his next tour.

Worried over the prospects for his  
continental army plan, President Wil-  
son today began a series of confer-  
ences with house leaders, through  
which he hopes to devise a plan that  
will be acceptable to congress.

## REPORT ON STREET LIGHTS IS READY

Sergeant Looney of the Chickasha  
police department, has completed his  
report for the month of January,  
showing number of lights "out" during  
that month. The report will be sub-  
mitted, as a part of the police report,  
to the city council at its next meet-  
ing.

The report shows that during the  
month a total of 575 lights failed to  
illuminate on different evenings. By  
keeping this careful tab on the lights  
a saving of 15 2/3 cents per light is  
shown for the city for each light  
which failed to twinkle, or a total  
saving of \$95.83 1/3 for the month.

It will be noted, however, upon in-  
quiry at the police headquarters  
that the time of a patrolman is de-  
manded each night for a time from  
his regular duties, in tabbing up on  
the lights which light not, or which  
"light out."

## SESSION OF CO. BOARD ADJOURNED

Mass of Miscellaneous Matters Handled  
at Last Meeting; Changes in Town-  
ship Officers; Two New Mem-  
bers of Insanity Board

## CONTRACT FOR JAIL PAINTING AWARDED

Question Raised as to Paying Witnesses  
for Time Spent in Coming and Going;  
Defer Action Till Judge is  
Consulted

At the afternoon session of the  
county commissioners, yesterday, the  
following, among other items of busi-  
ness were disposed of:

Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony was allowed  
\$5 per month from the compulsory  
school fund; County Clerk Brady was  
instructed to employ an extra stenog-  
rapher to serve for the period of ten  
days; resignation of G. W. Statton  
as treasurer of Dutton township, re-  
ceived, filed and accepted; resigna-  
tion of Charles Orchard as treasurer  
of Tabler township, received, filed  
and accepted; R. W. Goostree ap-  
pointed as treasurer of Tabler town-  
ship, his bond filed and approved;  
George W. Richards appointed treas-  
urer of Dutton township, his bond  
filed and approved; bond of G. I. Hen-  
ney as treasurer of Waldon township  
filed and approved.

Bank of Tuttle filed surety bond in  
the sum of \$5,000 as a county deposi-  
tory. On motion, Dr. Cook and Judge  
Baker were appointed members of the  
county insanity board, it having de-  
veloped that the county health officer  
and the county attorney cannot serve  
upon the board.

At this morning's session of the  
commissioners the following bids for  
repainting the interior of the county  
jail were received and opened: Chas.  
Bly, all material furnished, \$75; W.  
R. Paramore, all material furnished,  
\$49.50. Paramore awarded the con-  
tract.

The following entry appears on the  
minutes of the meeting: "On investiga-  
tion of the records of the court clerk,  
it developed that the county attorney  
has been paying witnesses for time  
coming and going home from attend-  
ance in district court, the same being  
extra time paid for, it is resolved that  
further investigation be deferred un-  
til Judge Will Linn be consulted."

The matter of setting aside funds to  
be used in buying new underwear for  
the prisoners recently sentenced to the  
state penitentiary being taken up,  
allowance was made as per motion.

No further business appearing be-  
fore the board, adjournment was or-  
dered.

Commissioner Corrine, chairman  
of the board, stated following the ad-  
journment, that the board would prob-  
ably be again in session in about a  
week, for the purpose of going further  
into the Lucile road matter, from  
Alex township. This matter was re-  
ferred to the township board at a  
previous meeting of the county board  
and the called meeting will be held  
for the purpose of hearing the report  
of the township board.

ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT.

The appointment of Miss Winnie  
Warford to the position of temporary  
stenographer in the county clerk's  
office, was announced this afternoon.  
The board of commissioners ordered  
the appointment of an additional  
stenographer at the morning session  
of that body today, the stenographer  
to serve for ten days or until her ser-  
vices may be no longer required.

## WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma.

During twenty-four hours ending 8  
a. m. today:

Tonight, fair, colder in east portion,  
Thursday, fair, warmer in west por-  
tion.

Local Temperature.  
Maximum, 43 degrees,  
Minimum, 30 degrees.